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- 1. IN ABSENCE COL. MCARTHUR, CHAIRMAN OF MEAT BOARD, SUBSTANCE REFTEL WAS CONVEYED TO H.W. MITCHELL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF BOARD.
- 2. AFTER COMMUNICATING WITH MCARTHUR, MITCHELL INFORMS HE SEES NO WAY TO SATISFY THE LINES WHO CLAIM "BLACKLISTING". NEVERTHELESS, MCARTHUR URGING MEAT BOARD'S ATTORNEYS IN WASHINGTON TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO DEFUSE SITUATION.
- 3. MITCHELL POINTS OUT THAT DISRUPTION OF TRADE, IF SHIPS ENJOINED NOT TO UNLOAD AUSTRALIAN MEAT IN U.S., WOULD AFFECT SOUTHBOUND CARGOES AS WELL.
- 4. MITCHELL WENT ON TO POINT OUT LIKELIHOOD THAT CASE WILL RECEIVE PRESS COVERAGE HERE UNFAVORABLE TO U.S. POST BELIEVES MITCHELL'S WARNING WELL TAKEN AND REQUESTS GUIDANCE FOR ANSWERING PRESS INQUIRIES.

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